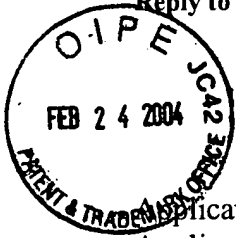


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The applicant submits the attached NATURAL GAS WEEK, volume 14, number 49, December 7, 1998 as corroboration of the reduction to practice by applicant that predates the primary reference relied upon. Applicant submits in view of this independent verification of the reduction to practice, that the Ausubel '975 reference no longer qualifies as prior art and the claims previously submitted are allowable. Applicant requests a telephone interview with the examiner to expedite the passage of the application.

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